(b) whether it is a fact that a police officer of Punjab Cadre had initiated constitution of citizen societies in Jharkhand on the lines of Punjab; and

(c) if so, whether Government would inform about number of such societies active against naxalites and Maoists in various States of the country and number of members in such societies and how far these are effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Law and order is a State subject. Citizen security societies or village security societies, which operate at the local level, are not constituted at the National level.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Statistics of such societies in various States are not maintained at the Central level.

Source of weapons for naxalites

†1766. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected the source from which the naxalites get the weapons;

(b) whether this source of weapons is within the country or it is in foreign countries; and

(c) what measures have been taken to curb it in any way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per information available, naxalites primarily get a substantial bulk of their weapons by looting. They also get them from illicit weapon manufacturing units. There is no information available in respect of naxalites receiving weapons from foreign countries. Law and order being a State subject, action in this regard is taken by the concerned State Governments. State Governments maintain close vigil in this respect, and also conduct intelligence-based operations against naxalite hideouts and illicit weapon manufacturing units.

Recommendation of ARC on federal crimes

1767. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended sweeping powers to the Centre to deploy armed forces in States and favoured a new law governing "federal crimes" like terrorism and human trafficking-which can be probed by CBI on its own;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.